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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Cook Inlet Area** **Parallel Pacific Cod Season** **Closes to Longline Vessels Less Than 50 Feet in Length** **Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-04-21**

The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Area will **close to vessels less than 50 feet in length using longline gear at 12:00 noon February 5**. This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod catcher vessel less than 50 feet hook-and-line gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area. The parallel season will remain open to vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet using longline gear and vessels using jig gear until closed by emergency order.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

#### ***COVID-19***

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>.

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